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ACET MEETING RESOLUTIONS

RELATIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS

1. ACET agrees to send a letter to the various non-ACET groups which support self-determination for East Timor requesting them to consult with ACET or its local member group if they plan to undertake public meetings or other support initiatives so that efforts to support East Timor are maximised.
2. ACET suggests that ETRA should concentrate its efforts on its primary activity - the provision of provision of humanitarian aid to East Timor.
We believe that it would be helpful if discussions could take place between officials of ACET and ETRA in order to try to reach agreement on changes and understandings which would enable us to work in a complementary rather than a competitive way.
3. While totally respecting the role of all East Timorese groups to set their own priorities, ACET expresses the desire for greater co-ordination between CNRM, FRETILIN and UDT so that Australian solidarity groups can continue good relations with each of these organisations. This could be done by, for example, CNRM, FRETILIN and UDT forming joint liaison committees at various centres around Australia such as Sydney, Melbourne and Darwin, thereby assisting the effectiveness of our solidarity work.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

4. That ACET elects one or two people to represent Australian solidarity groups at Asia Pacific Coalition for East Timor meetings and other appropriate international fora where possible (eg, the APCET meeting in Manila in January 1995).
 - That ACET writes to John Lamb, asking him if he is prepared to be the interim representative of ACET to APCET and forward any information relevant to our participation in it.
 - That John Lamb be requested to inquire as to the procedure for the Australian Coalition for East Timor affiliating with APCET.
 - That letters be sent to Graham Pitts and Max Lane letting them know that ACET intends to affiliate with APCET.
 - That ACET writes to CNRM, FRETILIN, UDT and ETRA to inform them of ACET's desire to seek membership and representation at APCET functions.

STRUCTURE

5. That ACET includes that the most appropriate structure for East Timor solidarity groups in Australia is that they be autonomous branches of one organisation with a common name.

- That full membership of the national organisation is open only to fully autonomous, geographically based groups whose primary activity is East Timor solidarity work.
- Associate membership is open to church, union, peace, aid, and other groups that work in solidarity with East Timor.
- That advisory organisations include CNRM, FRETILIN, UDT and ETRA.[?]

6. That solidarity groups continue to operate as they are, but that they elect delegates to a National Committee to coordinate their activities

7. That there be a face-to-face meeting of this Committee at least once a year and phone conferences as necessary.

8. This meeting of the ACET recommends :

That we have a referendum of groups within 3 months to adopt a national name, the two prominent choices being Australians for a Free East Timor (AUSFET) or Australia-East Timor Association (AETA).

- That AUSFET, AETA, etc, be used in conjunction with local names for a period of time to be decided by each group.

AIMS

9. This meeting of ACET recommends that the national organisation have the following national aims:

- 1) support for genuine self-determination for East Timor, *the right of the Timorese people to independence*
- 2) facilitate coordination between East Timor solidarity groups in Australia,
- 3) inform and educate the Australian people on the political situation in East Timor, *Promote*
- 4) Promote the CNRM peace plan and any initiative for peace in East Timor that allows for genuine self determination, *which has the full support of all Timorese political organisations*
- 5) facilitate national campaigns against Australia's military, economic, and diplomatic support for the Indonesia occupation of East Timor
- 6) support the complete withdrawal of all Indonesian troops from East Timor and the release of all political prisoners
- 7) Campaign to end the ongoing violation of the human rights of the East Timorese people.

*in coordination with Fretelin
+ UDT and support all other initiatives
of Fret + UDT.*

*• Support all Timorese organisations
Timorese culture.*

JOSE RAMOS HORTA'S REQUESTS FOR ACET ACTION

1. Reaffirm support for Xanana.
2. Reaffirm support for the Resistance inside East Timor.
3. Campaign for the unconditional release of Xanana. *and all political prisoners*
4. Support the nomination of Bishop Belo for the Nobel Peace Prize.
- * 5. Help the East Timor Relief Association.
- * 6. Avoid alignment with East Timorese political parties but support their activities where appropriate.
- * 7. Support the initiatives of CNRM, in particular the CNRM Peace Plan.

NATIONAL EAST TIMOR CONFERENCE

10. This meeting recommends that a national conference on East Timor be held in Melbourne from Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th January 1995.

- That Noam Chomsky be a keynote speaker at this National conference.
- That the new National Solidarity organisation be launched at this conference, if possible.
- That there be a meeting of associate and full members of this newly formed National Solidarity organisation, to take a form to be decided. *UDT Fretil + Special Rep of CNRM*
- That there be a smaller working meeting of delegates elected from the full members of this new national solidarity organisation to be held on Sunday 29th January 1995.

11. That John Sinnott be acting co-ordinator of ACET and that this work should include all communication of resolutions flowing out of this meeting in order to facilitate the decision-making process towards forming a national solidarity organisation.

12. That this meeting recommends that each regional group now circulate to all its members the choice of names for the new national solidarity organisation as well as all other resolutions. Members should be notified of meetings where these matters can be debated and be endorsed or otherwise.

- 3) Campaign for the unconditional release of Xanana + political prisoners
- 4) Support Timorese political parties namely UDT Fretili